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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

"When I read the Bhagavad Gita and reflect about how God created this universe everything else seems so superfluous." Don't know anything about the Bhagavad Gita, except it does come up in deep discussions, but like this quote we read by one of the world's recognized great thinkers somewhere and think it was uttered by Albert Einstein. As a Christian we must at this season to reflect on the "everything else seems superfluous" part. An imagination allowed to roam can easily wonder how much better off this world would be, how much improvement in life's pleasures would we experience if we would push aside the superfluous things in life. Yet we gratefully cherish the privilege to at times sit watching the animals, the birds or a small child play while our mind ponders things that are, well . . . superfluous. We do thank our loving God for the ability to make this choice.

President George W. Bush is in some trouble with the politicians, but that isn't anything new. This time around some of his own Republican party members are running for the bushes rather than defend his actions. Right now when it is smart to be good for Santa Claus, we admit to being a little concerned ourselves over his position on the wristapping of U.S. citizens without the customary court orders. There probably are occasional situations where such actions would prove beneficial but apparently it is being done on a wholesale basis and therein lies our concern. There are special task forces set up to approve such wristapping, in a reasonable time, and should be used. If the system of checks and balances is flawed, let's correct the system, not allow ourselves to be pulled into the abyss with those who hate the democracy and associated freedoms U.S. citizens so deeply cherish and others envy. The near panic Americans experienced right after 9-11 apparently gave some in the government a feeling that the ends justified any means - and admittedly it can under certain, very limited conditions. However, that is such a narrow window that it can't be safely opened for any length of time. We urge you Mr. President, back off from this policy - defend it if that is your belief, but don't do it anymore . . . please.

Our Elba Christmas Family for 2005 is a break from tradition. It includes three generations of a large Coffee County family. We have watched J L and Nellie Johnson raise their family, always actively supporting anything one of them was involved with, etc., day or night. We watched the children grow into fine adults, marry and each start his or her (the only girl) own career and/or family. The family members continue to be close and have brought in spouses who have grown equally close, in spite of them all being individuals with their own ideas and goals. An example of that was displayed when it took Nellie Johnson just one night to confirm (correctly) that the whole family would be available on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. for the picture . . . and without telling a single one the purpose of the photo! Momma is still the boss but she does it so lovingly that children nor spouses would even consider complaining - nor would they have any reason to do so.

Elba Police Report

Elba Police Department, reported at 1351 E. Davis St. (8:53 a.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 15 - Fight in progress reported at Elba Villas Apt. B-5 (2:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1170 County Rd. 201 (1:57 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 16 - River stage - 9.56 feet (7:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 611 Kendrick Apts. (7:38 p.m.).

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for a suspended driver's license, one for speeding, one for no driver's license and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, DEC. 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 228 (5:15 a.m.); Possible wreck reported at the corner of Simmons St. and Factory Ave. (8:38 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 13 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14 - Disturbance reported in the area of Powell Trailer Park (3:12 a.m.); River stage - 9.17 feet (7:00 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs.

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Tips for reducing holiday waste

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has put together an easy-to-remember list of tips citizens can follow to reduce waste over the holidays.

Wrap gifts in recycled or reused wrapping paper, or use the funny papers. Remember to save or recycle used wrapping paper and consider giving gifts that don't require much packaging such as concert tickets or gift certificates.

Reduce the number of paper and plastic bags thrown out by using reusable cloth bags for holiday gift shopping. Tell store clerks you don't need a bag for small or oversized purchases.

Send recycled-content greeting cards to reduce the amount of paper used during the holidays. Remember to recycle any paper cards you receive and consider sending electronic greeting cards to reduce paper waste.

When buying gifts, check product labels to determine if an item is recyclable or whether it is made from recycled materials. Buying recycled products encourages manufacturers to make more recycled products in the future.

About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Buy rechargeable batteries to accompany your electronic gifts, and consider giving a battery charger as well. Rechargeable batteries reduce

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amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away and can save money in the long run.

Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day and before you go to sleep. Doing so will not only save energy, but will also help your lights last longer.

After the holidays, look for ways to recycle your Christmas tree instead of sending it to a landfill. Check your local community to find where trees are being collected for recycling.

You may also want to consider purchasing a live tree and plant it after the holidays.

To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting on the 5th of Jan., 2006 at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is sponsoring a "Live Nativity" Thursday & Friday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. It will be at the side of the church building on Davis St.

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Kristen Mayberry and Mr. Dustin Stinson are united in holy matrimony

On June 11, 2005, the threat of Hurricane Arlene loomed as the appointed wedding time for Miss Kristen Mayberry and Mr. Dustin Stinson approached. However, the threat of severe weather lifted just prior to the tolling of the four o'clock hour. In spite of being buffeted by the swirling winds from Arlene, a host of friends and relatives gathered to witness the marriage of this special couple.

The First Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive, Elba, Ala., was the setting for the wedding. Reverend David Richburg, the couple's pastor at Fleetwood Baptist Church, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Yvette Welch of Andalusia and Mr. Greg Mayberry of Andalusia. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Martha Nell Cokins of the late Bricken Cokins and Mrs. Von Cartwright of Andalusia and the late Ray Mayberry.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Stinson of Elba. He is the stepson of Mrs. Nelline Hudson and the late Leroy Hudson and Mrs. Edna Sue Stinson and the late Earl Stinson, all of Elba.

The entrance to the church was adorned with wreaths of white satin, white roses, ivy, baby's breath and tulle. However, the delicate wreaths lasted only a short while before Arlene's winds removed them from the doors. The tulle, which marked the entrance, bellowed in the wind momentarily before Arlene's wrath altered the entry scene.

Misses Jess Kelley and Brittany Cokins, cousins of the bride, greeted the guests and presented them with a wedding program as they entered the foyer of the church.

Miss Lynsey Williams pressed the registry table, which was covered with a floor-length skirt with a white batwing lace-overlaid. The table held a crystal vase with a long-stemmed white rose and the bride's guest book.

Candles were placed in the vestibule in memory of Mr. Earl Stinson and Mr. Bricken Cokins, grandparents of the bride; Chris Lawson, brother-in-law of the bride; and D.J. Stinson, cousin of the groom.

A lighted wooden cross in the baptistry, which was banked with greenery, was the focal point of the sanctuary. Several black wrought-iron candelabra of various sizes, which held white pillar candles, flanked the cross. Interspersed among the candelabra were numerous Boston ferns and lit candles, which completed the setting for the double ring ceremony.

The pews for the parents, grandparents, and other special guests were marked by arrangements of white roses, lilies, and baby's breath entwined with tulle and small white ribbon.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal strapless gown of imported white satin. Hand-sewn seed pearls and small pearls accented the bodice, and the back was adorned by accents of rhinestones. A small cuff enhanced the top of the neckline and drop waist. White satin buttons were sewn down the length of the cathedral train. Her veil was a hand-made gift to the bride by Ms. Annie Hendrix, the mother of one of the bride's sisters. The shoulder-length veil fell from a jeweled headband and ended with a satin rolled hem.

The bride's table was located in the library and was tended by Ms. Suzette West and Ms. Juliette Adams, cousins of the bride. The table was skirted in white Damask with an overlay of white Batwing lace. The three-tiered cake was embellished with pearls and wide pink ribbon and topped with a large bow fashioned from the icing.

The groom's table, attended by Miss Leslie Stinson, cousin of the groom, was located in the

Andalusia; Katie Vaughan of Elba; and Mary Leigh West, Luverne.

The attendants' gowns were made of pink satin. They were styled with a simple bodice and floor-length skirt. They carried variegated pink hydrangeas; the stems were wrapped and tied with pink satin ribbon.

Little Miss Annley Marie Padgett, niece of the groom, served as flower girl. She wore a floor-length dress with a beaded bodice with small straps and a bouffant skirt of several layers of tulle. She carried a floral ball of white roses hanging from white ribbon. She pulled her baby brother, Avery Padgett, down the aisle in a red wagon, which was draped with white tulle. Avery, dressed in a delicate one-piece white and ecru suit, served as ring bearer. The pillow bearing the wedding ring was gently tucked inside the wagon.

Dustin Stinson, father of the groom, served his son as best man. Groomsmen were Drew Parker, brother-in-law of the groom; Kyle Padgett, brother-in-law of the groom, both of Elba; Shaw Kidney, step-brother of the groom of Headland; Bradley Walker, Adam Brookins, Mark Wicker, Brooks Creek, Josh Lawford, and Pete Manning all of Elba and former high school classmates and baseball teammates of the groom.

Miss Callie Brown, cousin of the groom, adorned the hour with ornate bronze bell when she entered the sanctuary to announce the wedding hour.

The mother of the bride chose a pink floor-length gown with a wide belt on the neckline and complimented the jacket with delicate beading. She carried a single long-stemmed white rose.

The bridesmaids' luncheon was held in the Luverne home of Ms. Suzette West. Other hostesses included Tammy Alford, Felicia Cope, and Juliette Adams. The guests were served chicken salad, fruit, pasta salad, pie, coffee and tea, and various china and crystal selections.

The bride's parents hosted the wedding party and other guests with a rehearsal dinner in the Family Life Center of the First Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive, Elba, immediately following the wedding rehearsal. The walls of the center were uniquely draped with a large selection of baseball jerseys worn by the groom from his tee-ball days, junior high and senior high school, college, and several post-college teams. Also, many bats, gloves, and baseball pants were displayed. The stage featured a collection of the groom's trophies, his baseball cap, his Elba High School baseball suit and the bride's Andalusia High School cheerleader uniform, megaphone and pompons.

Folding panels featured an assortment of pictures of both the bride and groom from their early years to their courtship and finally their engagement announcement picture.

Camden Lamar Moore turns one

Camden Lamar Moore turned one year old on October 9th 2005.

Camden had a party at his home on October 9th with all his cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. The theme was cowboys. He had a cowboy cake and Camden's Dad supervised horse rides on a big Paint horse named Zip. All the children got their picture made on Big Zip.

Camden is the son of Randle and Sonya Moore of Kinston.

Grandparents are Randle and Sandra Moore of Ossagee and Sandra and Mary Simmons of Victoria Community.

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SCHOOLS

Commodore in the making

by Shawanna Wright

"Down... Set... Hike! Logan on the carry..... Touchdown by Kikko Logan."

Kikko's hard work and dedication finally pays off. Scouts from all over the nation look for outstanding players, and next season that's just what a Vanderbilt will do.

After visiting their campus and studying what they have to offer Logan has decided to commit to be a Commodore next year. Last Wednesday, Dec. 14, Vanderbilt coaches came from Nashville, Tenn. to visit Kikko and his family.

Logan says, "This was an excellent chance for me to make a good impression on the coaches and to get better acquainted with them."

Congratulations, Kikko, we know you'll go far. WE LOVE YOU!!!

Sr. Beta members participate in Salvation Army ringing

by Duke Carr

The Elba High School Sr. Beta Club conducted its annual tradition this year of helping out with the Salvation Army's bell ringing campaign.

Each member was asked to donate just an hour of his or her time to help ring the bell to raise money for the needy. The club members rang the bell outside the Elba Market Place.

All that participated said they enjoyed it and are glad they could help the cause. Those who were not able to participate due to other activities made a five dollar donation to the Salvation Army.

In all, the ringing turned out to be a success and the contribution that the Beta members made was greatly appreciated.

Shop the Classifieds!



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright & Melanie Mularz

EES fourth grade students find the true meaning of Christmas

by Melanie Mularz

Christmas is about giving, not receiving. This is what Mrs. Michelle Grimes wants her fourth graders to understand.

Begging last year, with the help of Mrs. Lynn Baker, Mrs. Grimes started a "Helping Families" program. She asks her students to bring one to five dollars for a present.

On Friday, Dec. 9, Mrs. Grimes took her students with their money, to Fred's Dollar Store in Elba to gather up Christmas presents. Some students combined their money and purchased a bigger gift.

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Sr. Beta Club members Tori Brooks and Kayla Kelley are shown donating their time to the bell ringing campaign.

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EHS Ambassadors receive donation

by Judson Vaughan

On Wednesday Dec. 7, the EHS Ambassadors received a greatly appreciated donation from the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

For those of you not familiar with our ambassadors, we are a select group of juniors and seniors chosen to represent EHS at school, community and social events when called upon. From basketball games to the Haunted Jail, these dedicated teenagers are on call 24/7.

The funny thing is that through all this, the ambassadors come away penniless and the organization itself is a money-making one but for other people. All this said, our hands are tied in some situations due to the fact that our bank account is quite slim, but not slim, but not anymore.

Kayle Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is shown presenting a \$100 check to EHS Ambassador president Judson Vaughan and vice president Gale Olson. They are (left to right starting with bottom row) Duke Carr, Lashanda Cole, Judson Vaughan, Kayle Whitworth, Gale Olson, Lynn Weeks, Shawanna Wright, Stephen Corder, Kendall Stinson, Brianne Bailey, Kayla Honiyah, Rachanda Womble, Kendall Stinson, Chase Burrows, Christine Bryant, Elizabeth Weeks, Summer Stricklin, Ashlye Carnes, Elena McCormick, Kayla Kelley, Whitney Anderson, Whitney Lawrence, Casey Medlock, Ashleigh Waddell, Amanda Pope, Tell Kelley, Todd Kelley, Wesley Calhoun, Dustin Rhodes, Chase Boutwell, Jamie Greek, Justin Watkins, Brian Blau and Ryan McCollough.

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D.I.B.E.L.S. proves effective at Elba Elementary

by Christine Bryant

standardized. The students are then tested individually so that there are little to no distractions while the test is being administered.

Administrators from Elba Elementary comment, "We are seeing tremendous gains using our new reading program (Reading Mastery Plus). Furthermore, Gina Price, curriculum coordinator, expresses that "results from the D.I.B.E.L.S. assessment, along with classroom observations, help teachers design appropriate instructional plans for ALL students."

If a student does not reach

the basic level, then the teacher will retest the student again once more at the end of the year.

D.I.B.E.L.S. is a timed test that is administered to all kindergarten through third grade students. A team is then appointed to give out the test, and to ensure that all testing is

without them knowing about it.

The children are given an envelope explaining the dates of the Santa Store, so they can begin saving for the gifts well in advance. Not only does the Santa Store show kids one of the most meaningful parts of Christmas, but it is also a great way to raise money for the school.

The Santa Store is run by parents and volunteers who are very helpful in helping the students select the best gifts for those they love. The store look forward to the Santa Store each year and it continues to be very enjoyable for all those involved.

The store opens daily and allows students the opportunity to buy gifts for family and friends at various price ranges. Through this, the elementary students are taught how to budget money and are permitted to buy presents for their loved ones without them knowing about it.

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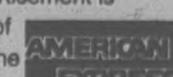
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SPORTS



Elba 7th and 8th grade Tigers both finish '05 basketball season with undefeated records

The Elba Junior High Tigers closed out their basketball season recently with both the 8th grade Tigers and 7th grade Tigers posting undefeated seasons.

The 8th grade Tigers posted a perfect 13-0 record, while the 7th grade Tigers ended the season with a 6-0 slate.

Following are highlights of both teams final regular season game:

7TH GRADE

ELBA 46 FLEETA 33

The Elba 8th grade Tigers used a big second quarter to pull ahead and never looked back as they rolled past the Fleeta Falcons 46-33, in Fleeta. The Tigers owned a slim 6-2 lead after one quarter, but exploded for 22 points in the second quarter to take a 28-14 halftime advantage and rolled to the big win.

Justin McLaughlin scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Stephen Magwood added 9 and Dionta Reynolds scored 8. Also scoring for the Tigers were Karem Silar 7, Kevin Allen 2 and Donnell Horstead 2. Individual scoring was not available for Fleeta.

7TH GRADE

ELBA 31 FLEETA 8

The Elba 7th grade Tigers made it look easy by posting a lopsided 31-8 win over the Fleeta Falcons. The Tigers jumped out to a 9-3 lead in the first quarter and then took total control as they blasted the Falcons in the second quarter to take a whopping 27-3 lead after three quarters of play. Elba slowed the pace in the final stanza, but easily held on and claimed the big win.

Sandarius Reed scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Xavier Rodgers added 9. Also scoring for the Tigers were Randell Solomon 5, Devonta Tillis 4, Kendrick Robertson 4 and Michael Martin 2.

JV Lady Tigers post 7-6 record

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers completed their basketball season recently and posted a winning record with 7 wins and 6 losses.

Following is a recap of late-season action:

Elba 31 New Brockton 19

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and held on to down New Brockton 31-19. Elba owned an 11-0 lead after one quarter, pulled out to a 27-9 advantage by the end of the third quarter, and easily held on in the final stanza to claim the win. Jeanetta Burks scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Purvis scored 9 points for New Brockton.

Elba (31): Carnley 6, Oliver 7, Lockett 10, Jones 2, Folshee 4, King 2.
N.B. (19): Purvis 9, Lee 4, Muhammad 6.

Elba 30 Zion Chapel 18
The Lady Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and rolled to a 30-18 win over Zion Chapel. Elba led only 6-2 after one quarter, but outscored the Lady Rebels 14-2 in the second quarter to take a big 20-4 halftime lead and then rolled to the win in the second half. Jessica Lockett scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Nicole Holloway led Zion Chapel with 6 points.

Elba (30): Carnley 8, Burks 8, Oliver 2, Lockett 10, Jones 2, Z.C. (18): Mount 4, Dismukes 2, Bevins 4, Mills 2, Holloway 6.

Geneva 33 Elba 9
The Lady Tigers scored only four points in the second half and watched as Geneva pulled away for a 33-9 win. Elba trailed only 6-5 at one quarter and 17-8 at intermission, but managed only two baskets in the second half and suffered the lopsided loss. Janae Carnley scored 4 points to lead Elba, while Rivers scored 9 points to lead Geneva.

Geneva (33): Wallace 6, Duncan 2, Ware 4, Jenkins 4, Rivers 9, Brown 8.
Elba (9): Carnley 4, Burks 3, Jones 2.

Elba 29 Fleeta 12
The Lady Tigers led all the way to post a big 29-12 win over Fleeta. Elba jumped out to a 20-6 halftime bulge and coasted in with the win. Janae Carnley scored 14 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Jeanetta Burks 5, Jessica Lockett 4, KeKe Oliver 4 and Megan King 2. No scoring totals were available for Fleeta.

Elba 35 Arton 14
The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back as they rolled to a big 35-14 win over Arton. Elba poured in 15 points in the opening stanza to grab a 15-6 advantage, then outscored Arton in each of the remaining three quarters as it rolled to the lopsided win. Janae Carnley and Jeanetta Burks both scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Jessica Lockett added 11.



ELBA 8TH GRADE TIGER DIONTA REYNOLDS (22) drives in for a basket in a recent win. The Elba eighth graders posted a perfect season for the second straight year during the 2005 junior high basketball season.

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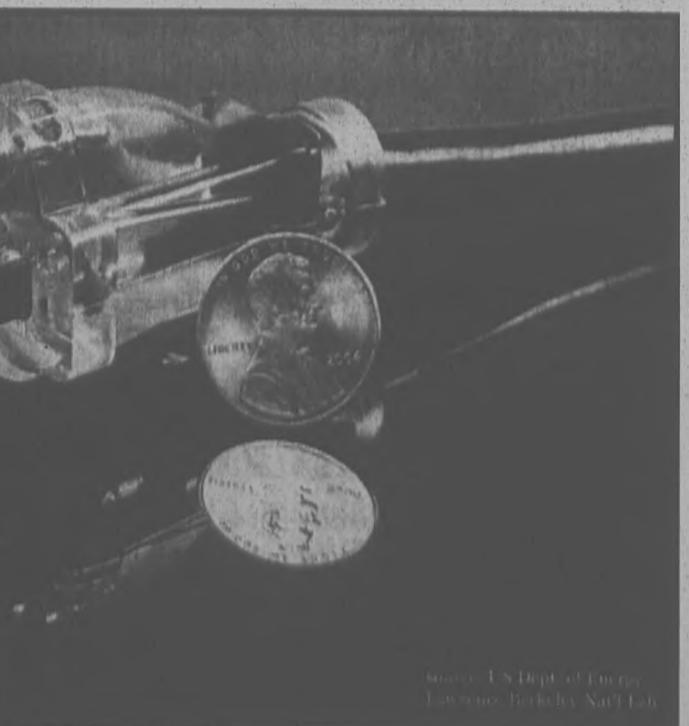
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ELBA JV LADY TIGER JANAEE CARNLEY (44) fights for a rebound in recent junior high action against Arton. The Lady Tigers posted a 7-6 record for the season.

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With wins over McKenzie and Goshen

Brantley Bulldogs win SEAC tourney title

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their early-season surge last weekend by winning the South East Alabama Conference Basketball Tournament, in McKenzie.

BRANTLEY 86
MCKENZIE 57

The Brantley Bulldogs opened the tournament Friday night and cruised past the McKenzie Tigers 86-57.

The Bulldogs improved their record to 5-1 with wins over McKenzie and Goshen, while Goshen placed second in the boys division. Goshen won the girls title, with Highland Home placing second.

"We really haven't had that much time to work in the gym," stated Brantley's Coach Tony Stalworth, "but these guys have all summer in games against area teams and it paid off. All but one player was on the football team that made it to the final week of the season, and that success on the football field also carried over to the basketball team and has helped us early on. We can develop into a pretty good team with hard work and dedication, and that should happen with this bunch of players. We are all looking forward to the remainder of the season."

Following are highlights of Brantley's two wins in the tourney:

BRANTLEY 68
GOSHEN 63

The Brantley Bulldogs open up a 54-49 advantage with 7:45 left in the game, but the Eagles once again came battling back and regained the lead at 58-57 with 3:00 still left on the clock. A free-throw by Rashad Smiley and a short jumper by Jeffery Daniels put the Bulldogs back on top 60-58 with 2:29 remaining. However, Goshen answered the late charge and pulled even at 60-60 with 1:34 remaining. Thad Frazier scored four quick points to put the Bulldogs back on top 66-60 with 25' left, and Brantley held on to escape with the 68-63 win.

Kevin Pitts scored 24 points and Jeffery Daniels added 21 to lead Brantley, while Quentin Collins scored 30 points to lead the Eagles.

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Elba standout Kikko Logan commits to Vanderbilt

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"I thought Vanderbilt was the right choice because it is getting better and better in football, and also because it is one of the top academic colleges in the nation," added Logan. "I am excited because they play in the SEC and I love to play football. I don't care if they play me on offense or defense. I just appreciate the chance the coaches at Vanderbilt have given me and I will work hard to make them proud. The coaches made me feel at home and really seem to care about me, the person. It will be great to play in the SEC.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Hughes receives
B.A. degree from
Auburn University

On Friday, December 16, 2005, Miss Katherine Lee Hughes received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Auburn University.

Katie graduated Magna Cum Laude with a major in Criminology and a minor in Political Science. Her future plans include work and the pursuit of a law degree in order to become an attorney.

Katie is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. John Hughes (nee Judy Lee) of Montgomery, Alabama and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Lee of Elba.

Four year old Victoria Alexa Hettinger was crowned "Tiny Miss Alabama" in her age group, she also won Best Fashion, Photogenic and Most Beautiful. Victoria brought home 3 trophies, plaque, sash, crown and two stuffed animals.

Victoria lives in Vancleave, MS.

She is the daughter of Michael and Beverly (Davis) Hettinger.

She has one brother, Hunter White. Her grandparents are Billy Joe and Evelyn Davis and Carolyn Gelinski, all of Elba and Mike and Patti Hettinger of Grayling, Michigan.

Gov. Riley awards grant to assist low-income residents in S.E. Alabama

Gov. Bob Riley has awarded \$36,892 to assist low-income residents in Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. The grant will be used to help eligible persons, families and the elderly meet their basic needs of living. Human Resource Development Corporation will administer the funds.

"This grant not only helps sustain low-income families by providing emergency assistance with basic necessities," Riley said, "but it also supports community action programs that help impoverished Alabamians attain the skills they need to support themselves."

Riley awarded the grant from funds the state receives through the Community Service Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The primary purposes of the program are to



MORE THAN 1,500 FARMERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE gathered in Mobile Dec. 4-5 for the 84th annual meeting of the Alabama Farmers Federation. Federation members from Coffee County who attended the meeting were, front row from left, Betty Boutwell, Pat Schrand, Pat Presley, Jan Smith, Mary Donaldson, Elizabeth Whitaker and Mack Donaldson; back row, Rex Boutwell, Greg Schrand, Max Bozeman, Dan Presley, Dennis Smith, Gerald Whitaker and Phillip Martin.

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Jenna Donaldson, of Elba, was a guest of Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. at a holiday reception given for student leaders on the Troy campus. Donaldson is a member of Delta Sigma Pi.



SPRING REGISTRATION

REGULAR REGISTRATION
Andalusia/MacArthur
January 4, 2006 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
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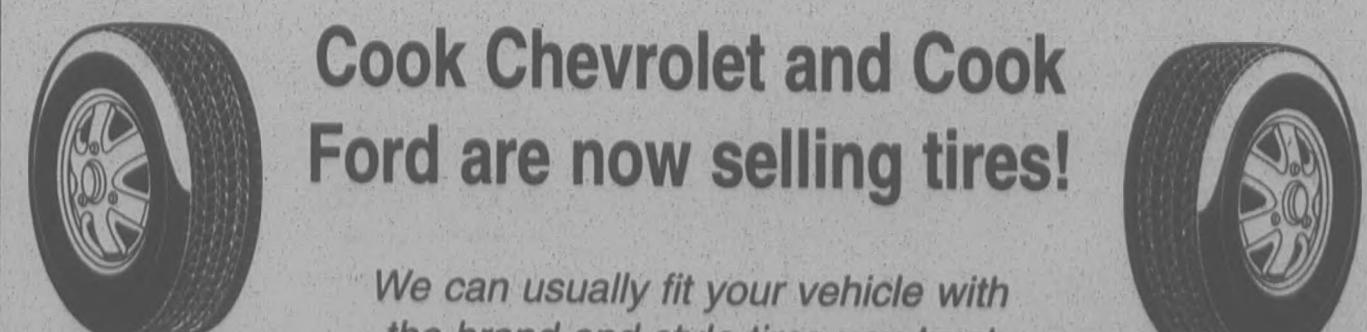
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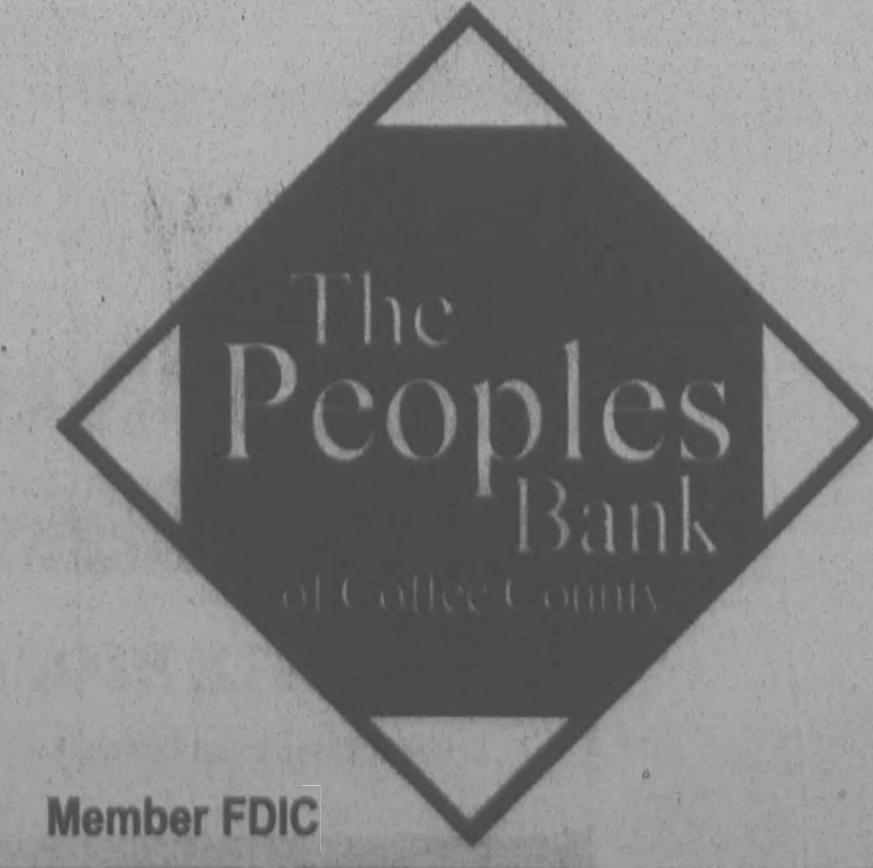
Tidings of Comfort and Joy from the entire Elba bank staff... (Front, left to right) Melonee Blair, James Barnes, Doris Matthews and Barry Giles; (Middle row, left to right) Rene Lambert, Becky Waddail, Merlene Owens, Angie Anderson, Dedra Carnley, Sharon Hall, Belinda Williams, Judy Hawthorne, Rene Bradshaw, Melinda Vaughan, Paula Black and Cynthia Bond; (Back row, left to right) Jack Mullinax, Dianne Carnley, Shirley Henderson, Camille Davis, Marilyn Stephens, Marie Martin, Loette Nelson, Dana Kelly, Linda Hall, Julie Adkinson and Edward Young. Not Pictured: Jo Ann Bedsole, Kala Gallagher and Hattie White.



Good Cheer from the Enterprise bank staff... (L to R) James Barnes, Tammy Rathburn, Sherri Kelsey, Margaret Lindsey, Jack Mullinax and Mary Langford. Not Pictured: Sylvia Watkins.



Trimmed with Gratitude from the New Brockton bank staff... (L to R) Theresa Kelley, Sharon Caylor, Margaret Lindsey, Barse Danford and Terre Williams.



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DEAR SANTA,

JACK-IN-A-BOX DAYCARE

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby-Doll, baby telephone kitchen set, toy telephone, anything Barney and lots of surprises.
Thank you Santa, Kelsey Wambles

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me a toy truck and something good to eat. Ms. Shirley will not give me enough. Also bring my sister, too. Bring me some surprises. Merry Christmas, I love you!
Thank you Santa, Connor Mosley

Dear Santa,
I would like a big ball, blocks, Barney movies, toy truck, and lots of surprises.
Thank you Santa, Bradley Adkins

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a toy truck, rocking horse, blocks, a big ball, and a choo-choo train.
Thank you Santa, Ashton McWaters

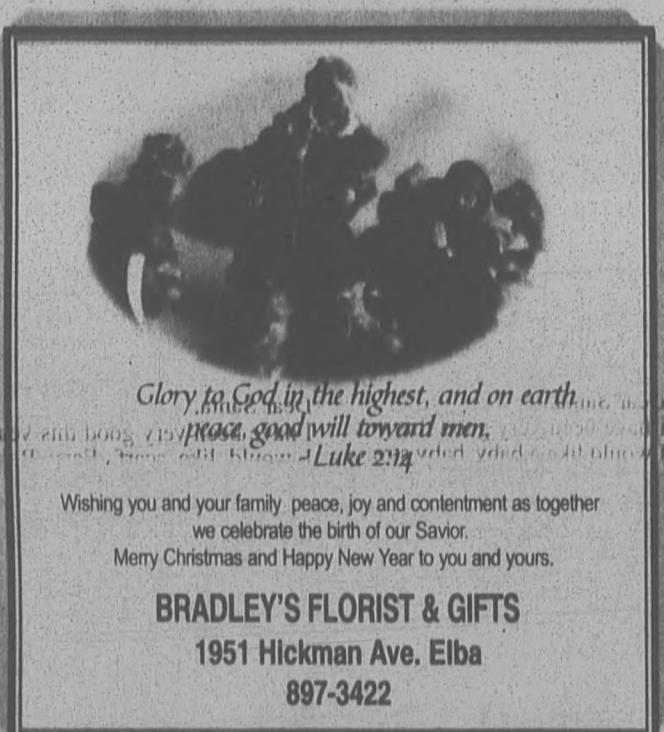
Dear Santa,
I would like a rocking horse, blocks, Wiggles movies, big ball, and lots of surprises.
Thank you Santa, Malehi Mills

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me some toys to play with this year. I can share with my twin brother. Michael is my sister. We will leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas, we love you!
Thank you Santa, Hayden Price

Dear Santa,
I am a really good boy. I always eat my food and give everybody smiles when they talk to me. Santa, could you please bring me a truck and a tractor. Maybe some blocks, too.
Thank you Santa, Conner Jones

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I always eat my vegetables except when they give me them. No, 3 foods. It's just not good and neither is that milk when it's in a car. If you want me to make more mistakes, I would like a new baby doll, and some blocks. Please bring Brook a nice doll. An animal keyboard would be nice too, Santa.
Thank you Santa, Emily Parker

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a toy school bus like I have in my room at daycare at Jack-in-a-box? Every time I get it some-thing, I want to bring it to you please bring my brother Nicholas some toys and candy. I love you Santa. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Thank you Santa, Alex Shutter

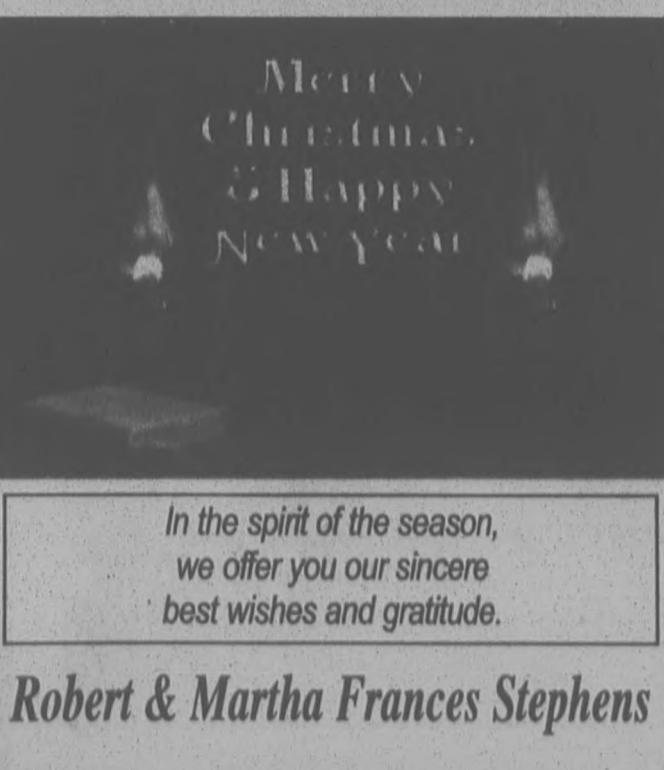


Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men... -Luke 2:14

Wishing you and your family peace, joy and contentment as together we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

BRADLEY'S FLORIST & GIFTS
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Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a good boy all year. Please bring me lots of trucks, especially fire trucks.
Thank you Santa, Jeremy G.

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a tractor, all kinds of tractors. Also a truck and trailer and a hay hauler.
Thank you Santa, Joey McCrary

Dear Santa,
I would like a big ball, blocks, Barney movies, toy truck, and lots of surprises.
Thank you Santa, Joshua Cardwell

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a dino-saur, a tractor, and a choo-choo train.
Thank you Santa, Christian Turner

Dear Santa,
I would like a Spike motorcycle with a Spike helmet all blue. I also would like a belt when I grow. I love you and I like your hat. I will leave you lots of cookies and milk under the tree.
Thank you Santa, Bailee Deal

Dear Santa,
I would like to ride your sleigh one day. I would like a red suit just like yours. I would like a four-wheeler. I would also like a Spike helmet.
Thank you Santa, Sage Keesees

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby stroller to push my baby dolls in. I also want some pink clothes because pink is my favorite color. And if I'm extra sweet I can please have some pink paint?
Thank you Santa, Sage Keesees

Dear Santa,
I would like to be real good this year. Santa like my twin sister. But sometimes we don't agree on who gets the toy that both of us want.
Please bring us toys, and lots of surprises. Don't forget our brother, Mason. We will leave you some milk and cookies! Thank you Santa, Ashlyn Sanders

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. Bring me Wiggles. I love to play with blankets, so I will share them with my mom at daycare. Please bring me a big red truck for me! I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Thank you Santa, Benjamin Hall

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a car. I would also like a monster truck to my house and my dog can play with them.
Thank you Santa, Will Taylor

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a big doll house, some baby dolls, and a lot of paint. I love paint.
Thank you Santa, Raegan Bragg

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a toy that both of us like. I would like a monster truck for my daddy. And for my mommy, diamond earrings. My daddy told me that! Also a diamond necklace as well.
Thank you Santa, Garrett Senn

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I would like a four-wheeler for Christmas. I would like a monster truck for my daddy. And for my mommy, diamond earrings. My daddy told me that! Also a diamond necklace as well.
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Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a car. I would also like a monster truck, a dinosaur, and a Spiderman car.
Thank you Santa, Hunter Sheets

Dear Santa,
I would like really like it if you would bring me a really big dinosaur and a really really big monster truck to my house and my dog can play with them.
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DEAR SANTA,

MORE ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN MRS. NICHOLSON'S CLASS

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like transformer and remote control cars, and a play station 2 for me and my brother for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Charles

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a cooler house, and lots of toys for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Cooper

KINDERGARTEN MRS. YOUNG'S CLASS

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like Bratz Baby doll, Dora Kitchen set and a playstation 2 and baby puppy for Christmas. Thank you,
Love, Ja'Mya

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a swing set, a bicycle, and a trampoline for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Aalexis Anderson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a baby doll, boots, shoes, and a crown for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Christie Griffin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a whole lot of Bratz dolls and an airplane for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Destenne

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like like a blue dirk doll, hunting baby, bratz, Raven doll, jewelry, CD player, dancing mat for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Mone' Martin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a whole lot of Bratz dolls and an airplane for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Hailey Parrish

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a football for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Zachery M.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a soccer ball for Christmas.
Love, Zachary C.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy. Please bring me lots of toys for Christmas.
Love, Jamahl

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a Xbox for Christmas.
Love, Kendre



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Love, Braxton

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like Sponge Bob game, Dora game, and a computer of Dora for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Karin Burks

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I want you to bring me a play pony, a cash register, note books, ink pens, winter clothes, scarf and gloves and lots of surprises for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Kayla Seay

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a baby Amabelle doll, baby doll stroller and a playhouse and lots of surprises for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Logan McCown

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I want to bring me a play pony, a cash register, note books, ink pens, winter clothes, scarf and gloves and lots of surprises for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Kirsten

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a toy four-wheel, toy motorcycle, playstation 2, remote control truck, and some board games for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Zackery Odom

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a playstation 2 and lots of games, remote cars, scooter, and a trampoline. Love, LaDeris Adams

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a playstation 2 and lots of games, remote cars, scooter, and a trampoline. Love, Keke

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like a Raven doll, a mini skirt and boots, and some games for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Laken Cooks

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like a swing set, a bicycle, and a trampoline for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Preston Millay

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like a baby doll, boots, shoes, and a crown for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Evie Bivins

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a motorcycle, escalade, controller, uno cards, electric scooter for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Gavin Caldwell

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a race car track, big foot Ragin' Carson, Paxton and a GeoTrx train track for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Hudson Wise

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a video game, a Barbie doll, a bag of switches for my sister, Aaliyah for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like a princess tea set, a bratz doll, a new blanket, a new bed set, some new board and computer games, and most of all I want to spend Christmas with my wife. I live mostly from Mississippi and Alabama because I miss them all. Thank you.
Love, Haleigh Watkins

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like a 2006 football game to go with my playstation 2. I would like new clothes and shoes and a few other toys for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Jeremiah Jordan

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like Spider-man toys, Jordan tennis 'shoes', power rangers movies, and lots and lots of toys and clothing for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Kani Brooks

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Love, Winston Tyrone Kelley Jr.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a v'smile, Son of Mask, movie, Bratz, games, bike for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Austin

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl all year long. I hope you will bring me a new computer and a bike and a tall doll. I love you Santa.
Love, Kelsey

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy all year long. I hope you will bring me a playstation 2. I hope Santa claus will bring me a Par shas. I wish Santa claus will bring me a sim clos. giv me a hug fo rduo.
Love, Dontavious

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy all year long. I hope you will bring me for weler and a pathashan. I wat Chickien and motor scooter molic.
Love, Cedric

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy all year long. I hope you will bring me a pellowe and a bollon gamm and a big pool and a playe hose and a some books. I hope you come.
Tommy

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy all year long. I hope you will bring me a dirt bike and games for my XboX and my playstation.
Love, Braxton

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year long. I hope you will bring me a dirt bik and a slingshot and a moderclik and a rifiil and a threy wifler. Give roostaf a hug for me.
Quentin

Love, Kirsten

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Love, Kirsten

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Love, Zackery Odom

Love, Kirsten

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I have been a good boy. I would like a walkie talkie and two small four wheelers. I've been good most of the time this year. I'll leave you milk and cookies by the tree.
Love, Tanner Skinner

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a playstation 2. Tarzan and Bratz and that so ravin and a yorkshire pup and will leave the pooh travel set. I will leave cookies and a caror for Dora. Love, Asia Boo

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Love, Isaiah P.S. Thank you for Santa.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year long. I hope you will bring me a dirt bike for a week. I've been good than bad please bring the dirt bike for Love, Tyler O.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl for Christmas I would like a computer, gameboy and a stuffed dog. Love, Shyndrea Hammonds

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year long. I hope you will bring me a bike and a nige seat and a toy dog. Love, Emily Andrews

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Love, Braxton

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MORE ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FIRST GRADE MRS. RHOADES' CLASS

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DEAR SANTA,

ELBA ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
SECOND GRADE
GENA BENBOW'S CLASS

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. And he is the best. I want a bike. I want a Xbox 360. I love Rudolph to. I love Christmas eve. I want a trampoline. Santa has raindeers. I want a chihuahua. I want a ton sand dojers. Love, Bonelle Eric Jones

Dear Santa,
I wants lots of toys. your Reindeers are big. your Reindeers are named Rudolph. I forge the rest of the names. Santa you are the best. you have a big hat. Santa has a sleigh. It is Christmas eve I wish it was Christmas eve for ever, and ever, and ever give everybody toys, and lots, of presents even us to give lots and lots and lots and lots of presents. I have been good sometimes But not all the time. I like Santa.Dalton Parrish

Dear Santa,
I've been pretty bad and pretty good, how are you're rainerder. I don't no if I deserve it by this is what I want. Rollerblades, I ball hiper, a pop star that teaches you to dance. Dream life, and a wonderful Christmas. A brabe guitar. A real live horse that is all ready trained and a girl fashion hair fixer to. Love, Erin Smith

Dear Santa,
I was a boy. 360 and I want some games, with my Xbox 360 please. And I want a basket ball please. And I want a lot of toys. Love, Colton Skipper

DEAR SANTA,

NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY

FMORE FIRST GRADE

MRS. MCWATERS' CLASS

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a yug-o-ball. And a play station 2 and some games. A bring Joey a cell phone.

Nick Kuriger

Dear Santa,
I want a toys. I what clothes. I what books. I need pins. I need socks earrings and underwear. Brauna

Dear Santa,
I want an X Box and a truck. Donatarius

Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox, Halo 2, a bike, skates, and my mom Edna back. Austin Jinright

Dear Santa,
I am Felicity. I would like a baby carriage patch kid, a jeep, and a amazing amanda doll. Also a puppy. I love you! Felicity

Dear Santa,
Want a bike. I want some make-up. A toy box and a make-up box to put my make-up in. I want a pack of candy canes too. Hollie Lewis

FIRST GRADE
MRS. JILL HENDERSON
CLASS

Dear Santa,
I want a 4-wheeler and a Play Station 2, and a game for my Gameboy. Rudolph is cool! Corbin Griffin

Dear Santa,
I want a swing set and a Gameboy and books to read. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies. Symida Nelson

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Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me these things. Detective kit, emoji, kung fu fighting set, clothes, turtles, DVD player, jewelru, purse, American girl shoes and boots, and new bed. I also need a new puppy. Molly McDaniel

P.S. Please help Mommy and Daddy love each other again forever and ever and ever.

Dear Santa,
I want a fur l frind, a Furby, a barby house, a Brat and a modersy, and a Powfull. Love, Shlecia Hooks

Dear Santa,
I want a ghost buster Car and the Men. I want a fishing pole and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory movie. Matthew Reeves

Dear Santa,
I want a new Bike. I want a new T.V. and a dvd player and some new boots. I need some winter clothes. Thank you. Savannah Hobbs

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklyn. What I want is my front teeth and a bicycle with a helmet and a computer. Brooklyn Maddox

Dear Santa,
I was good this year. I want a new bike. I want a new cell phone. I love you Santa. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Love, Brittney Twidell

Dear Santa,
My name is Malia. I want a taking kinin and a taking tan next to the taking kinin at toys r us yuppie! Love, Malia Brown

Dear Santa,
This is from Tanner I wish to have a very fun Christmas. And be safe before Christmas eve. So I can see my prent from you.

And you have a safe Christmas to. And have fun. And be good and safe. Watch out for my dog. And eat you cookies and drink you milk it will be good I bet.

And be giut so my sistren bon't wake up at night. And Jane fer so you bon't fall off.

Tanner Oaks

Dear Santa,
I like you. Brag me pessent. I love you, give me a hug a santa. Love, Janaiya Threats

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have been real good. May I have a Barbie doll? Thank you. Amber Momm

Dear Santa,
I would like a batman Car and hand video game and Track Car to race and lot's of toys. Love, Zack Twidell

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy this year. I wish I had another toy train, an army tank, a scooter, and a football. Say hi to Rudolph. Michael Watson

Dear Santa,
I want a new tv and a set of clother and a set of toy's And Brianna wants a Little Brat dol and a sindrella and a sindrella doll.

Love, Sierra Hatfield

Dear Santa,
I wish for a trampolean and a happy Christmas and for my family to be happy and me and my sis and my cousin not to fight and a big screen to have a have a sleepover at my friend Kradas house I hope to sleep at my cuisins house and when I get home from my cuisint house I hope to go to the park and when I get home from the park and I hope to go to the big dinner and tell the Elves to work hard for the kids. Tell the reindeer to stay healthy and don't get sick.

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike for Christmas. I want a new rain jacket. I need a new rain jacket. I want a new football. I want a new baseball. I want a pare of cleats. I want a new bat. Love, Timmy Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a bunk bed and a real parent. Also a Hip Hop dance learnr. I want a Balle dancerella. I really want a laptop computer. Love, Hanne Holloway

Dear Santa,
I want a slay. I want a fishing pole. I want dog. I want a fan. Love, Darren Cache Johnson

Dear Santa,
I love you so much with all my heart. I want to have a man and baby horse (toys). Please bring me a kitten. Take care of Rudolph! Love, Jackie Owens

Dear Santa,
I want a Gi Joe. and I want Bat man that car and sun cars. Love, Nash Downing

Dear Santa,
Please bring me som really fun toys. Nothing else. Love, Jeffrey Ivie

Dear Santa,
My is Logan Pearson a play-house. Dr. set, house cleaning stuff. Care stuff you know lots and lots of stuff. Puzzles I really like them. New Kitchen, O'yeah Merry Christmas. I love you. Thanks Logan Pearson

NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SECOND GRADE
MISS NOLIN'S CLASS

Dear Santa,
I like what you do. Will you let me be an elf if not I can write. Will you bring me a gameboy Advance. Wyatt Downing

Dear Santa,
I want a diamond ring and a Santa teddy bear that sings. I also want a Mrs. Claus suit it would be fun to be Mrs. Claus. Love, Caitlyn Lindsey

Dear Santa,
I know I have been a little mean to my sister and brother but pleases still bring me presents. I promise I will be nice. I would really like a for weeler. A for weeler is the first thing I want for Christmas. Oh Santa please leave me a list of the raindeer. I promise to be nice. From: Abby Hutto

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Nintendo DS with a mario party game. Santa I would also like to have a some advand 3. Love, Adrianna Whittaker

Dear Santa,
Do ssi I was a bike. Ssi knok see ssi I was a knok my mom day last week the Ssi I was a shorts. I was a dog 2 dog. I Ps ssi. Matthew Culver

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the letter you sent me. I hope you give me a pocket nife for Christmas. And I hope you give me some clothes in the kitchen. Oh Sant can get me a pack of you go-i-cards. And Santa can give me a silver bell from your slay. From: Kendall Lies

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Dear Santa,
I made a picture for you Rodoph and Mrs. Claus and I made a bell for Rodoph can you wake me up so I can see Rodoph. Please rite a note back tell me yes or no.

Merry Christmas to you Santa. I am going to be good this year. And your the best person too. I also always believed you Santa. Haley Rebeca Evans is my name.

Brandon Todd Chanceller

Dear Santa,
Can you get me the Big batm-

batter and a robopet and a ro-

apter. And a model gunship like

my other ones. And a model tie-

fighter. And a model stardesor

Yer And model Deth star. I love

you Santa. Haley Evans

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Dear Santa,
I want a beebee gone. I want a

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To. I want some golf ball. I want

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Dora the figura girl.

Love, Brittney Twidell

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S. SHIRLEY BROOKS' VSS

Santa,
I've been a good girl this year.
I'd like a Bratz to Princess
Dora Dollhouse and
Horses. Please bring me a
sister in May.

Sarah Bryn's Preschool
will leave you milk and
cookies. I will leave Rudolph a
surprise too!

Santa,
I have your milk and cookies
waiting for you. I have been
a good girl this year. My brother
has been good to here. It's my
turn. Make up, Books,
Barbie doll, Barbie Doll House.
Love, Brittany

Dear Santa!
I have been good this year.
Please bring me a Art
set, a Disney Princess Tea
Set, and some pretty clothes.
My mother Stown's been pretty
d so bring me some toys to
thank you and I'll leave you
some cookies and milk.
Love, Erika Brooke Hussey:

Santa,
I want a baby doll with pony's,
margo doll, Surprise Inside
Barbie learning laptop, a
gun that's not loud like my
dad's. I would also like a pink
American Flag.
Love, Alexis Smith

Dear Santa,
I miss you and the deer. Leave
me some presents under the tree.
We get snow. I want a gun,
a big truck to ride in, and a big
4-wheeler, a dirt bike, bb gun
and 2 trigger gun.
Love, Austin

Dear Santa,
My name is Heather. I have been
a good girl this year. Well okay,
sometimes I was good. I tried
courageous things to make me
see you soon. Will you please
bring me a drum set; a cooking
oven; vtech games; karaoke
machine for my tv; princess
chair; princess lamp; clothes;
kitchen center; My Prince
Pony; bicycle; Care Bear; any
kind of toy camouflage shirts;
camouflage pants; shorts; boots.
I hope you and Rudolph
will be very careful. I hope to
see you soon. I love you. I love
Santa. I love Ms. I love
off. Merry Christmas, Heather Ward

Santa,
My name is Tyler Berry. For
Christmas I would like a Buzz
Lightyear, Woody, drums,
microphone, and a gun to go
hunting with my daddy.
Tyler Berry

Merry Christmas, Heather Ward

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THE CITY OF ELBA HONORED ALL EMPLOYEES with a Christmas luncheon Thursday, Dec. 1, at the city's recreation department building. The luncheon was a gesture of appreciation to the employees from city officials for the dedicated service they provide during the year. The employees were treated to a meal of grilled pork chops with all the trimmings. Employees shown above being served by the meal's caterers include (from left) Dennis Coleman, James Richards, Mary Helen Robinson, Danny Williams, Arnie Beerenstrauch and Ricky Mularz.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We're rounding up our good cheer,
To thank all the folks who've stopped by here;
So saddle up and celebrate —
A Christmas season that's really great!

Friendship Grocery & Friendship Package Stores

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CITY OF ELBA OFFICIALS HONORED several employees Thursday, Dec. 1, during the annual employee Christmas luncheon. The employees were presented certificates recognizing their dedicated service to the City of Elba. The service recognition is provided every five years for employees. Those receiving the recognition in 2005 were (from left): Charles Driggers, five years of service; Kay Wilson, 15 years of service; Mary Helen Robinson, 20 years of service; Herby McCall, 10 years of service; George Honayak, 15 years of service and James Richards, 20 years of service. Also receiving a certificate this year but not present for the luncheon were: Billy Coppage, David Bandsra and Harold Spicer, all with five years of service.



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Everyone here is ho...ho...hoping that
all your news is good news this beautiful holiday season.
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In This Season Of Hope

At this time of spiritual renewal,
I wish you the blessings of peace, joy and enlightenment
and glory with all the trimmings
of a very merry season.

We're hoping you & yours will have a
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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What could possibly brighten our lives more than the
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It's the chance to serve delightful people like you!
Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to you!

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DEAR SANTA,

ZION CHAPEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIRD GRADE
MORE - MRS. BETTY MCINTOSH'S CLASS

Dear Santa,

I would like a purse and spongebob. Now. And I may have a video.

Now. And a computer I would like to go to the North Pole and a fly wheel.

Love, Ali Munns

Dear Santa,

Would you please give me these

things for Christmas. Next I would like a Digital Camera. Thank you

very much!

Sincerely, Macy Anne McIntosh

Dear Santa,

I'm in third grade. First.

Second, I would like a

Digital Camera. Thank you

very much!

Love, Destinee Taylor Lowry

Dear Santa,

I live in Jack, AL on Hwy 87 and

I go to school at Zion Chapel

School. My teacher is Kristy

Jones. I want a bike, roller-

skates, and a dance floor and a

disco ball.

Love, Destinee Taylor Lowry

Dear Santa,

I would like some more games

to go with my Play station. I

would like some more games to

go with my playstation. I would

like a hand-held video game. I

would like a bicycle.

your friend, Stephanie Kirkland

Dear Santa,

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Love, Destinee Taylor Lowry

Dear Santa,

I'm Steven and I'm from Zion

Chapel and I want the new

playstation 3 and I want foot-

ball playstation 3.

Love, Steven

Dear Santa,

My name is Kolby Lane

and I am 10 years old.

There is only 4 thing I want for

Christmas is a xbox 360 and

new pop and cabela dangers

bunts 2 and playstation 3.

From: Kolby

Dear Santa,

I would like a new foul weeler

and a playhouse, and a crayons

and a new lunch box and am on

scruffy book and that all. I've

Santa Claws.

Kristin Parker

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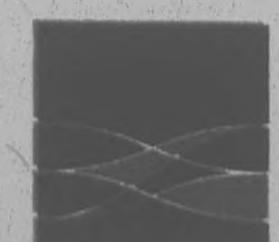
Santa Claws.</p

With Warm Wishes at Christmas



Everything's looking all merry and bright
But just to be sure that we're doing it right
We're taking this opportunity to review
And say how much we appreciate you.

**Wishing You A Merry, Bright &
SAFE Holiday Season With Thanks**



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Paving request brings residents to Coffee County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Several residents of Coffee County Road 721 attended the Tuesday, Dec. 27, meeting of the Coffee County Commission to support their neighbor, Bill Baker, as he made a presentation to commissioners.

Baker said his purpose for attending the meeting was to discuss the finishing of paving of County Road 721. He said all of the road has been paved except an approximate one mile stretch.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said the road is in his district, and he tried several years ago to get the appropriate right-of-way documents signed so the entire road could be paved but was not successful in his attempt.

"The reason the road is not paved now is you have to have a right-of-way," he said. "I couldn't get them," he said.

Baker said he believes Dalrymple could get those right-of-way maps if he were to try again as the majority of the residents share the same concern over the road condition. He continued by saying the residents are willing to do whatever nec-

essary to help the county prepare to pave the road.

Addressing Baker, Commissioner Baker said when the commission begins setting its priority list, he will contact Baker. He again said the first order of business at that point will be to get the right-of-way documents signed.

County engineer Randy Tindell has several items needing approval from commissioner's during Tuesday's meeting. All were approved by a unanimous vote of the commission (Commissioner Bernest Brooks was absent from the meeting) and included:

- Resolution authorizing the chairman to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of County Roads 415 and 531.

• Resolution approving an agreement between Coffee County and Dale County regarding the maintenance of Coffee County Road 709 and Dale County Road 1. Tindell said each county will maintain the road on their respective side

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LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDED to an early morning accident Thursday, Dec. 22, approximately three miles outside the Elba city limits on Alabama Highway 189 North. A call reporting the one-vehicle accident was received by Elba Police Department dispatchers at 6:39 a.m. last Thursday morning. Immediately, police and rescue units were dispatched to the scene where they found a Dodge van had left the roadway and flipped several times before halting near a wooded area. The driver and lone occupant of the van had been ejected from the van. The Elba Fire Department was dispatched to the scene to assist rescue personnel. Reportedly, chainsaws were used to clear the area where the driver was thrown helping rescue personnel better assist the victim. The driver was transported by a unit from Coffee County EMS to the local hospital for treatment of injuries sustained during the accident. The Alabama State Troopers office completed the investigation of the accident.

The Elba Clipper takes a look back at 2005

JANUARY 2005

Jan. 6 - New Brockton Town Council rejects proposal from Arrow Disposal Services to change the town's garbage pickup day; New Brockton Town Council supports Mayor Charles Cole's appointment of Jerome Cobb as Chief of Police; Authorities searching for missing Kinston man, Joseph Delane Finkley; Shandee Daniels dies nine years after paralyzing foot-ball accident.

Jan. 13 - Vandals leave path of destruction in Coffee County as timber bridge on County Road 365 is destroyed by fire and Newbia section house is damaged; Beaver Dam Trailer Park residents express concerns to Elba City Council regarding registered letter they received indicating removal of mobile homes from the property; County engineer says rain is villain holding up progress on County Road 400 reconstruction project.

Jan. 20 - Body of missing Kinston man (Joseph Delane Finkley) found and three people arrested in connection to his death; Emergency personnel respond to scene one-vehicle accident on Lower Curtis Road; James Richards named Elba's street superintendent; Town of New Brockton holds annual Walk of Remembrance honoring birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Memorial ceremony held for judges Jeff Kelley and Paul Sherling; Four people arrested on drug charges at 1697 County Road 408.

Jan. 27 - Coffee County Commission has lengthy discussion regarding number of hours in work week for county employees; New Brockton Elementary students collect "Pennies for Bally" to assist fellow student Bally Mitchell, a sufferer of Common Variable Immune Deficiency; Elba Board of Education presents Mike Gurspan with Alabama Educational Media Honor Roll award; Terry Spicer joins Enterprise-Ozark Community College as assistant to president

MARCH 2005

March 3 - Elba City Council approves resolution allowing construction of playground on old Elba High School property; Interested citizens gathered at Elba Elementary to hear a presentation on the construction of the new playground/work complex in downtown Elba; New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole says police officers are not ticketing every motorist stopped despite rumors; County

Memorial Park; Mark Vaughan and daughter, Katie, both compete in annual New York Marathon; City of Elba begins \$4 million improvement project for airport.

Feb. 10 - City of Elba receives enhancement funds for downtown sidewalk improvements; Coffee County Circuit Clerk Mickey Counts severs ties with Democratic Party; Elba Police arrest three individuals following high speed chase that ended near Elberton County's Arroyo Disposal community; 2001 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car for Elba Police Dept. was destroyed by fire following the high speed chase; Alturas International Inc. of Jack, Ala., honors Melinda Hodges 2005 Teacher of Year at Zion Chapel School; Elba man, Joseph Delane Finkley, found dead in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

March 17 - Committee presents report on public transportation system during Coffee County commission meeting; Alabama Governor Bob Riley signs new open meetings law; New Brockton town officials hold second town hall meeting this time with Sen. Jimmy Holley, Rep. Terry Spicer and Alabama Department of Transportation officials; City of Elba crews work to eliminate erosion problems at bridge on Tiger Drive.

March 24 - Elba's chief of police position attracts nine applicants; Elba Chamber of Commerce host legislative breakfast; Bethany Dyne gains experience as editor of Troy University's school newspaper; Fire Chief Jimmie Driggers honored; Birmingham Town Council.

March 31 - Elba residents Wesley DeVane and Johnny Senn honored for heroic measures; Elba W&E board approves slight increase in water rates; Coffee County Commission approves resolution supporting the four-laning of Hwy. 167; Hall storm Saturday afternoon, March 26, caused structural damage in the area; Demolition of the junior high wing of the old Elba High School facility begins.

APRIL 2005

April 7 - Recent heavy rains help City of Elba officials locate and address potential problems with newly rehabilitated levee; National Security's will relay for Life team hosts "A Montage of Music" as fund raising event; New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole says police officers are not ticketing every motorist stopped despite rumors; County

Schools' DARE students participate in exercise using DUI goggles.

April 14 - Coffee County Commission reaches gridlock vote regarding grant application process for Zion Chapel Senior Center; Coffee County Commission receives award from Alabama Gerontological Society; County BOE approves superintendent's request to increase substitute bus driver's pay; County Schools' superintendent says hail storm damage tremendous at Zion Chapel School; Elba City Council announces five new franchise locations; Local citizens gather at the flagpole outside the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba to participate in the National Day of Prayer awards.

April 21 - Phase II of county water authority's expansion project moves one step closer to completion; Elba animal control officer George Homayak receives a microchip scanner from SOS Animal Shelter in Enterprise; Hickman Moving and Storage selected as Non-Temporary Storage Transportation Service Provider of 2004 for the Southeast Region of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command; Elba residents Wesley DeVane and Johnny Senn among nominees for 2005 Legislative Medal of Honor; Residents express concern over the men's shoulder condition on County Road 537.

April 28 - Freddy Haney named Chief of Police for City of Elba; Elba Headstart celebrates "Week of the Young Child" with parade around downtown; County Commission votes to move forward with Zion Chapel Senior Center; Concerned citizens gather at intersection of Hwy. 134 and county roads 545 and 603 to show their support for a push that safety improvements be made at the intersection.

MAY 2005

May 5 - New Brockton Police look for rape suspect Robert Steve Marshall; Rainy weather postpones Elba Band Day "chair" auction; New Brockton stress dinner of barrel-rolled ham at Tyler Street (County Rd. 533); Senator Jimmy Holley presents third

quarter State Aid check to Kay Wilson of the Elba Public Library.

May 12 - Coffee County Commission approves motion to improve safety of intersection at Hwy. 134 and county roads 545 and 603; County becomes victim of another bridge burning when a timber bridge on County Road 323 is heavily damaged; Elba city clerk reports replacement of manholes on Claxton Ave. and Larkin Rd.; Mobile Attic Inc. announces five new franchise locations; Local citizens gather at the flagpole outside the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba to participate in the National Day of Prayer awards.

May 19 - Elba City Schools receive a \$200,000 grant for reading program improvements; Weekend fire destroys home in Zion Chapel community (one of three fires reported in the community during the weekend); Suspicious fires in Zion Chapel community being investigated; Elba Police search for robbery suspect after an undisclosed amount of money was reported as taken from a local convenience store; Local residents participate in annual Relay for Life event; J.A. Wise and Son Farms named Alabama's 2005 Farm of Distinction; Elba police officers discuss drugs with senior citizens at the Damascus Senior Citizens Center.

May 26 - One vehicle wreck on County Road 518 claims the life of 3-year-old Jeremiah Hooks (three others injured); Elba City Council approves "Week of the Young Child" with parade around downtown; Concerned citizens gather at intersection of Hwy. 134 and county roads 545 and 603 to show their support for a push that safety improvements be made at the intersection.

JUN 2005

June 2 - County BOE members listen to a presentation regarding options and ideas for various roofing and renovation projects within the system; Elba Mayor James Grimes proclaims National Garden Week; Coffee County holds annual Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting; Elba Police Department honored by National Committee for Employer Support of the Military's Guard and Reserve.

June 19 - Elba City Schools purchase mobile laptop labs; Charles Carpenter was arrested and charged with domestic violence first degree after reportedly shooting his estranged wife; 17 individuals charged in recent Zion Chapel School vandalism incident; New Brockton Town Council honors employees and volunteers thanking them for their dedication to the town.

June 26 - Coffee County Commission approves 20-year lease agreement for Enterprise Multipurpose Center; County receives funds to improve County Rd. 415; Elba High School Class of '55 supports Elba playground project through monetary donation; Elba Public Library offers variety of reading programs for all ages; County extension office hosts marmers workshop/party for young ladies ages 8-14.

June 23 - Personnel issues Please See YEAR, Page 10

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electricity, water, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 877-2595. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold a monthly meeting on the 3rd of Jan. 2006 at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the hobby is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.